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Our
Values
Everyday

Staverton CE Primary School Newsletter

September 2026

"Above all be loving, this ties everything together perfectly"

Colossians 3:14

Responsibility; Friendship; Honesty; Compassion; Respect; Perseverance

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of another exciting school year at Staverton CE Primary School. It has been wonderful to see our school filled once again with smiling faces, enthusiasm for learning, and the joy that comes from being together as a community.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined us this term. Starting at a new school can be both exciting and a little daunting, but our newest members have settled in beautifully. We are delighted that you have become part of the Staverton family and look forward to working alongside you in the years ahead. We also warmly welcome Mr Foden our new Y3/4 teacher and Mrs Imran our new Nursery and Reception teacher.

I have been incredibly proud of how well all of our children have returned to school. They have embraced new routines, welcomed new classmates, and demonstrated our school values every day. Walking around the school, I have seen children eager to learn, caring towards one another, and taking pride in their work and achievements.

There have already been many fantastic experiences for our children this term. Children in **Sunflowers** and **Bluebells** enjoyed an unforgettable visit from the **Space Dome**, where they were able to explore the wonders of our solar system and beyond. The immersive experience sparked curiosity, inspired questions and brought science learning to life in a truly memorable way.

Another highlight has been the visit from **Rocksteady Music School**. The children thoroughly enjoyed experiencing live music and discovering what it feels like to be part of a band. There was certainly plenty of excitement and energy as Rocksteady really rocked our school, inspiring many budding musicians.

We have also been celebrating pupil leadership across the school. Following applications and voting, we are delighted to announce our new **House Captains, School Council Representatives**, and members of our **Eco-Club**. These important roles give children the opportunity to contribute to school life, represent the views of their peers, and help shape our school community. We are incredibly proud of all the children who put themselves forward and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make throughout the year.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Strong partnerships between home and school help our children to flourish, and we are excited about all the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead this year.

May it be a year filled with learning, friendship, achievement, and opportunities for every child to shine.

With all good wishes,

Ruth Nelmes

Headteacher

Values

Our value this half term is

Respect

Clubs

Monday 3:15-4:15

Years 1 - 6 FOOTBALL (Led by Freestyle Coach)

AND

Free CHOIR (Led by Mrs Nelmes & Mrs Gresham)

Tuesday 3:15-4:15

Years 1 - 6 BASKETBALL (Led by Freestyle Coach)

WEDNESDAY

Lunchtime

Years 1 - 6 Free Boardgames

3:15-4:15

Years 1 - 6 Free LEGO (Led by Miss Phillip)

Thursday 3.15 4.15

CHESS Years 1 - 6 (Led by Kings&Queens Chess)

Friday

lunchtime

DRAMA Years 1 - 6 (Led by Freestyle)

Music:

Wednesday

Piano / Keyboard
lessons

Thursday

Violin lessons

Coming soon....

Atomic Tom Science Club

And

Rock Steady Rock Band !!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

05.10.26 Flu Vaccinations

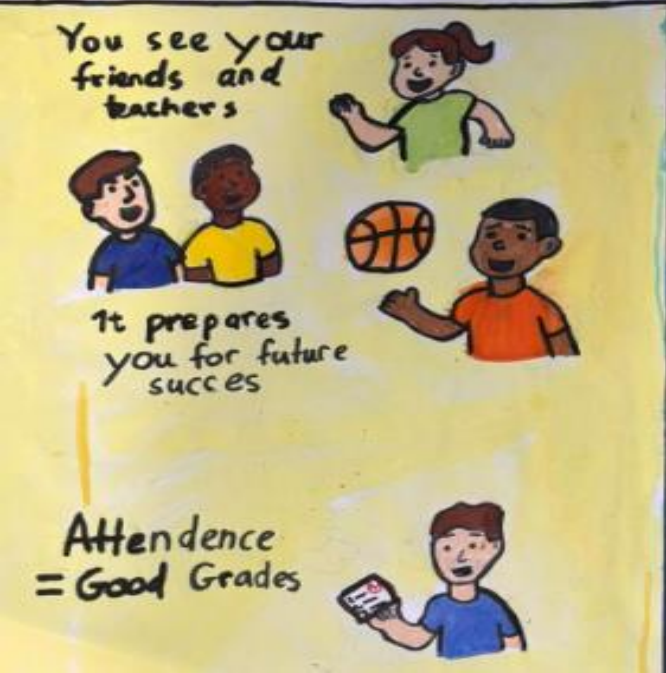
16.10.26 MUFTI Day

Silent Disco **KS1 4.30 pm ~ 5.30pm** and **KS2 5.35 pm ~ 6.35 pm**

20.10.26 & 22.10.26 Parent and Carer Evenings



EVERY DAY COUNTS!



E-safety checklist to keep children safe online.

Setting up devices for children will help them get the best out of their digital experiences. Use this e-safety checklist to get started.

Set Up Safe Checklist

internet
matters.org

Set your child up for online safety with these simple tasks

Manage broadband & mobile networks



At home, access your broadband network and set applicable controls.



On the go, set up controls on the relevant mobile network.

See step-by-step guides to help

Prepare their device



Explore the device controls and settings to set limits on inappropriate content, screen time, spending and more.



Download and install the apps and games you're okay with your child using.



Set up controls in these apps and games to help keep your child safe while they play, browse or chat.



Install or set up additional parental control apps for further protection.

Explore step-by-step guides for social media and video gaming

Talk & learn regularly

Together, learn about online safety issues that might impact your child.

Together, explore privacy and safety settings on their favourite platforms.

Ask them to teach you about their favourite online platforms to create an open environment for conversation.

Keep these conversations going for continuous support.



Visit internetmatters.org for more advice

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LEARNING AND
FLOURISHING
TOGETHER

PROUD TO
BE PART OF
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PDET

There's so much to celebrate across PDET!

Over the last 12 months, the family of schools we are part of have been nominated for - and won - awards for everything from sustainability and sport to thoughtfulness and Teacher of the Year!

To find out more
about how we can
support your
child to flourish,
come and visit
our school. It
would be lovely
to meet you!



Poppies



What a wonderful start to the year we have had in Poppies!

Our Nursery and Reception children have settled in beautifully, and we are so proud of how confidently they are becoming part of our Poppies' family. We have been busy learning our routines and transitions, making new friends and exploring all that our classroom and outdoor provision has to offer.

The children have particularly enjoyed our outdoor area, with lots of adventures on the bikes, climbing frame and in our mud kitchen. We have also loved exploring our continuous provision, trying new activities and developing our independence through play.

Our theme this term is 'Once Upon a Time', and we have been enjoying *Goodnight Moon*. We have also been learning lots of nursery rhymes and developing our love of stories.

In Maths, we have been learning to sort and compare, exploring how objects are alike and different. We have also made a positive start to Phonics, listening carefully to sounds and joining in with our activities.

We have been getting creative while exploring colour, learning how to mix orange, green and purple. Our whole-class art project has been a particular highlight, with everyone contributing a colourful handprint to show how proud we are to be part of Poppies. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved already!



Sunflowers

Sunflowers' have had a great start to the year and have settled in really well. We have already been lucky enough to take part in some amazing experiences such as the Wonderdome and the Rock Steady assembly. The children have really enjoyed learning all about Neil Armstrong in History and have been fascinated by the space missions that we have looked at. We particularly enjoyed watching what it is like to be in the International Space Station.

In English, the children have been writing about the tale 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They created some wonderful character descriptions and we are now focusing on writing from the point of view of Red for our Diaries. The children have been working really hard in Maths to understand place value and numbers up to twenty. We have been using base ten and tens frames to make numbers and compare numbers.

Our Science lessons have also been lots of fun as we are learning all about the human body and the senses. We had great fun exploring sound and are looking forward to exploring and doing experiments to learn about the rest of them. In RE, we have been learning about the creation story. The children created some lovely drawings depicting what some Christians believe was made by God on each of the 6 days.

Sunflowers' also loved their first Forest School session of the year and it was so lovely to see all of the children playing and having fun in nature.



Roses

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had in Roses! The children have settled into their new routines brilliantly and have already shown so much enthusiasm, curiosity and determination in their learning. It has been lovely to see friendships developing and the children becoming increasingly confident members of our class.

We were very excited to welcome Rocksteady into school. The children loved seeing the instruments in action and experiencing the excitement of live music – it was certainly a memorable part of our first few weeks!

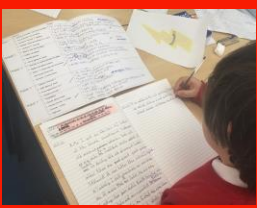
In English, we have become completely engrossed in *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. The children have loved stepping through the wardrobe into the magical world of Narnia, getting to know the characters and using the story to inspire their own reading and writing. We have been particularly impressed by the imagination and ideas they have brought to our discussions and writing.

In Maths, our focus has been place value. We have been exploring the value of digits, partitioning numbers and developing our understanding of hundreds and thousands. The children have worked hard to explain their mathematical thinking and have enjoyed using different representations to investigate numbers.

Our Science learning has also caused plenty of excitement! As part of our work on sound, the children became scientists and carried out their own investigations to discover which materials are best at muffling sound. They enjoyed making predictions, carrying out fair tests and comparing their results – there were some brilliant scientific conversations along the way.

We have packed so much learning into the beginning of the year, and it has been wonderful to see the children approach new challenges with such enthusiasm. We are very proud of the start Roses have made and cannot wait to see what the rest of the term brings!





Bluebells



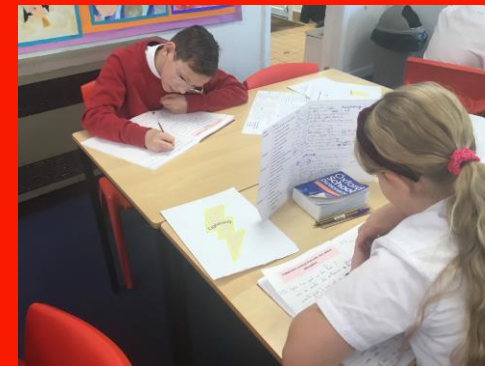
It has been a wonderful start to the school year in Bluebells. The children have settled quickly into their new classroom and have worked hard to build a caring, supportive and enthusiastic class community. It has been lovely to see new friendships forming and the children encouraging one another as they take on the challenges and responsibilities that come with being in Years 5 and 6.

One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly our visit from the Wonderdome. The children were amazed as they stepped inside and were transported on a journey through space. The experience provided a truly memorable start to our Space topic and has inspired a great deal of enthusiasm in our science lessons ever since.

In English, we have been enjoying *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed following Percy's adventures and they have produced some fantastic character and setting descriptions.

In PE, the children have been developing their netball skills and have shown excellent teamwork throughout the term. I have been particularly impressed with the way they communicate, support one another and celebrate each other's successes. Their passing, movement and game awareness have improved significantly, but most importantly, they have approached every lesson with enthusiasm, determination and a willingness to learn.

I am incredibly proud of how Bluebells have started the year. They have shown kindness, resilience and a real eagerness to learn. We are looking forward to another exciting month of learning together and all the opportunities that lie ahead.



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